

Patent Attorney's Docket No. <u>1004640-000044</u>

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Christian Dachauer et al.

Application No.: 10/796,173

Filed: March 10, 2004

For: CONTINUOUS THERMAL

TREATMENT OF BULK MATERIAL

Mail Stop AF Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 Expedited Procedure Technology Center 3700

Group Art Unit: 3749

Examiner: JIPING LU

Confirmation No.: 3507

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action dated April 24, 2006. A Petition for Two (2) Months Extension of Time is submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: